

## Serious snags hit Angola talks

BRAZZAVILLE (R) — Peace talks on Angola and Namibia ran into fresh difficulties Wednesday when Cuba accused South Africa of blocking an agreement on a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. "The negotiations have reached a critical stage," Cuban delegation spokesman Alphonse Hidalgo told reporters in Brazzaville after three days of talks. He said the South African government was dragging its political problems at home into the talks and still insisting on a formal link between the long-delayed independence of South African-ruled Namibia and a Cuban withdrawal from Angola — a position that has always been rejected by Angola and Cuba. "If South Africa persists in using such terms and in demanding unrealistic and unacceptable time periods (for a Cuban withdrawal) they will in fact be blocking an agreement," Hidalgo said. The Cuban statement, an unprecedented outburst from a delegation that rarely comments on the progress of the talks, appeared to mark a new low point in the negotiations at a time when international pressure for a rapid settlement has been increasing. Commenting on the Cuban statement, a South African spokesman said: "All this is news to us and as far as we are concerned the negotiations are ongoing."

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## Iraq works on 'super-weapon'

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq, at peace for the first time in eight years, is working on a new super-weapon, President Saddam Hussein has said at a medals presentation ceremony here. The president gave an hint what the new weapon might be, but said Wednesday it was in service with only two other countries. He said he had been told during a visit to Iraq's military industry establishment that "we will possess something which puts Iraq among only two other countries in the world..." "This talk is real and not meant for propaganda," he told military and government leaders being honoured for their roles in the Gulf war against Iran. During the later stage of the conflict, Iraq used long-range missiles capable of striking targets 650 kilometres away, Tehran was among Iranian cities struck by the new rockets. Western military experts said the missiles were extended-range versions of Soviet-designed Scud-Bs, already seen on Gulf war battlefronts. Iraq said the missiles were home-designed and manufactured. The president said some countries were disturbed by Baghdad's victories in the Gulf war.

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## AROUND THE WORLD...

### Masri chairs OIC talks at U.N.

NEW YORK (Petra) — Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri Tuesday evening chaired a meeting here of heads of Arab delegations to the U.N. General Assembly meetings in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) foreign ministers' seventh meeting. Masri welcomed Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who is leading his country's delegation to the General Assembly session, and said the Emir's presence was bound to increase the Islamic nation's influence. Masri reviewed Islamic activities in which the Emir took part and his contribution to solving conflicts involving Arab and Islamic nations.

### Mubarak urges Palestinian caution

BONN (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urged Palestinians Wednesday not to take a clear stand on creating a government-in-exile until after the forthcoming U.S. and Israeli general elections. "Adopting a clear position at the moment on the question (of a Palestinian government) would not be advisable or useful to the Palestinians in view of the coming elections in Israel and the United States," Mubarak told reporters. "The Palestinians must study this question with the appropriate care and sensitivity in order to act accordingly after the elections," he said during a three-hour visit to Bonn, the final leg of a week-long European tour.

### Shevardnadze recalled home

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Edvard Shevardnadze cut short his participation in the U.N. General Assembly session Wednesday, and a Soviet official said he was returning to Moscow for a high-level Communist Party meeting. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said Shevardnadze would be attending a meeting of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

### Egypt warns Israel over Taba ruling

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt warned Israel Wednesday that failure to implement quickly an international ruling on a disputed border area would put at risk the two countries' peace treaty. A statement from the Foreign Ministry said both Egypt and Israel are committed to carry out the ruling, due Thursday from an arbitration panel in Geneva, Switzerland. If as expected the ruling is in Cairo's favour, it would require Israel to surrender the Taba border enclave which the Zionist state has held since the 1967 war. The Foreign Ministry statement only hinted that it expects the ruling to be in Egypt's favour. But on Tuesday, Radio Israel and other Israeli media reports said the arbiters have decided against Israel on evidence presented about ownership of Taba.

### Somalia invites Amnesty to visit

MOGADISHU (R) — President Mohammad Siad Barre has invited representatives of Amnesty International to visit Somalia, which has been criticised by the human rights group last week. Siad Barre told Reuters in an interview Sunday that he had no objection to Amnesty's investigators coming to his country. "So long as they are genuinely concerned to comment truthfully and objectively on what they see here then they are welcome," he said.

### Iranian shores polluted by oil

DUBAI (R) — Oil from an offshore field attacked by the U.S. navy in April was reported Wednesday to have fouled at least 200 kilometres of Iran's Gulf coast. Dubai's Al Bayan newspaper quoted an Iranian delegate to a regional environmental seminar as saying the shore was still polluted despite efforts to clear it. The U.S. attacked Iran's Sassan oil field in retaliation for a missile attack on a tanker flying the American flag at Kuwait. The Iranian official was reported as saying the field was still on fire and leaking crude.

### Shevardnadze to visit Japan in December

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Edvard Shevardnadze will visit Japan Dec. 19-21, Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told Reuters Tuesday. He said arrangements for the visit had just been completed, but gave no other details.

### Japanese emperor develops fever

TOKYO (R) — Japan's Emperor Hirohito developed a strong fever and was given another blood transfusion Wednesday, the ninth day of his current fight for life, palace officials said. The officials quoted court physicians as saying his temperature, at 37.8 degrees Centigrade (100 degrees Fahrenheit), did not drastically alter his condition. The 87-year-old monarch was described as being in a stable but still critical condition.

### S. Africa detains Methodist minister

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Police detained a 55-year-old Methodist minister Tuesday, claiming he violated a ban on calls for an election boycott, his wife and church colleagues said. The detention of the Rev. Tom Mbabane was reported as the Methodist and Roman Catholic churches released the text of pastoral letters urging their followers to consider refusing to vote in nationwide municipal elections Oct. 26. Agnes Mbabane said her husband was taken from his home in the black township of Soweto about 12:45 a.m. by officers who alleged that he had preached against participation in the Oct. 26 elections.

### Pravda criticises handling of unrest

MOSCOW (R) — Pravda Wednesday urged authorities in Soviet Armenia to take a tougher line on unrest over the disputed province of Nagorno-Karabakh as strikes and demonstrations continued in the republic's capital of Yerevan. "Activities which can only be described as subversive have been going on for almost nine months," the Soviet Communist Party daily said.

### £25,000 draft found stuffed in church box

MORTEHOE, England (AP) — A crumpled £25,000 (\$42,000) bank draft from a mystery benefactor has been found stuffed in a church collection box, the vicar said Wednesday. The gift will enable St. Mary Magdalene church in the southwest England town of Mortehoe to restore its weather-ravaged, 900-year-old Norman tower, one of Britain's oldest. Church Warden Tim Lusted, who found the draft folded several times and pressed through a small aperture in the church's wall box, said he first thought it was a hoax. "But the bank confirmed it was authentic although they can't divulge who donated it," he said.

### Islamic ministers to discuss news agency

RIYADH (R) — Information ministers from the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) will meet in Jeddah in October to discuss the financially-troubled Islamic News Agency, an OIC official said Wednesday. Many members have not met their financial commitments to the agency, the three-day meeting begins Oct. 10, the official said.

## Doctors challenge Israeli army over 'non-lethal' bullets

OCCUPIED GAZA STRIP (Agencies) — United Nations officials and hospital doctors Wednesday challenged Israeli assertions that new plastic bullets used to shoot Palestinian protesters are not lethal.

Doctors at Gaza's Ahli hospital said eight Palestinians had been killed by the projectiles since Israeli troops began using them a month ago.

"They are like live ammunition. They penetrate the body and if they hit vital organs, they kill," said Dr. Habis Woheid, head of the hospital's emergency ward.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Tuesday the army was intentionally wounding more Palestinian protesters in a drive to crush the nine-month-old uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Rabin said the aim was to increase the number of wounded among violent demonstrators, but not to kill them.

At least two Palestinians were shot dead with plastic bullets on the day he spoke.

According to U.N. statistics, more than 200 Palestinians have been shot and wounded, mainly with plastic bullets, this month in the Gaza Strip, the highest casualty toll for many months. Dozens have been injured in the West Bank.

"We're talking about hundreds of people being shot, most of them teenagers, and many of

them not taking part in violence," a senior U.N. official in Gaza said.

U.N. sources said the commissioner general of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees raised the matter with Israeli officials during a visit this week.

Woheid said almost all victims hit by plastic bullets required surgery to remove the bullet, which lodged in the body because it had a lower velocity than metal ammunition.

He said the army systematically collected bullets extracted from hospital patients, apparently to prevent them from being shown to journalists.

Also Wednesday, Israelis wounded six Palestinians in the occupied territories, including a 10-year-old boy who was shot in the head, hospital officials said.

In Nablus, a passenger on an Israeli bus was hurt when protesters pelted it with stones, Israel Radio said. Soldiers opened fire on protesters in Nablus' old city, injuring one, Palestinians said.

The Israeli army sealed off Hebron Wednesday to prevent a rally by a group of extreme right-wing, anti-Palestinian Israelis.

An army spokesman said the town was declared a closed military zone before the planned gathering of some 250 members of Kach movement led by parliamentarian Meir Kahane.

Earlier, police said they prevented about two dozen Jews from praying at the Haram Al Sharif Complex in Jerusalem.

## Reagan urges Israel to consider Palestinian rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid said Tuesday that President Ronald Reagan urged the Israeli government to consider the political rights of Palestinians.

In the highest level meeting of representatives of the three countries since Reagan took office in 1981, the president met with Abdul Meguid and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Monday in New York, where they were attending the U.N. General Assembly.

"We have heard yesterday from President Reagan that he is working on the political rights of the Palestinians," said Abdul Meguid in an interview with ABC Television.

"For the first time we are now listening to qualifying the rights of the Palestinians as political," he said. "It's not only humanitarian rights, it's not only a question of refugees — it's a political cause that has to be addressed politically and to find a solution for the Palestinian problem."

Interviewed earlier by ABC, Peres was not asked what Reagan had said, but he said he thought

the meeting was "very promising."

"I think the fact that the leader of the largest country on earth, the United States, a representative of the largest Arab country, Egypt, a representative of the only Jewish state, did meet together, used the same language, in spite of all the events, with the very same view for the future, was an important declaration that peace is not dead and that we do possess a basis to continue the peace process," said Peres.

During a picture-taking session at the beginning of the meeting, Reagan got assurances from Abdul Meguid that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was trying to find a way to acknowledge Israel's right to exist.

Reagan told Abdul Meguid and Peres that the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli treaty was "a monumental achievement" but that the United States wants to move on to an overall settlement that takes into account the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians.

The Egyptian foreign minister said Reagan "urged Israel to address herself to the Palestinian issue... as a political issue."

## Husseini calls urgent 'national conference'

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanon's parliamentary speaker Wednesday called an emergency meeting of Muslim and Christian leaders to end a crisis threatening to break up the country.

Husseini told deputies, past ministers and former heads of state to attend an "emergency national conference" Thursday.

Rival governments have vied for power since last Thursday when outgoing President Amin Gemayel appointed an interim military cabinet minutes before his term expired without a successor being chosen.

A pro-Syrian politician told Reuters Husseini's aim was to seek consensus, but parliamentary sources said they expected few of the 41 Christian deputies of the 76 members in the house to take part in the meeting.

But some former Christian ministers were expected to attend the talks at the Bristol hotel in west Beirut, a base for pro-Syrian Lebanese politicians and Syrian officers. It was hit Saturday at a rocket-propelled grenade.

Rival ministers have sought to control the same departments

since Gemayel appointed the interim cabinet under army commander Michel Aoun, creating further confusion in a country already devastated by 13 years of civil war.

The uncertainty has been reflected on financial markets, where the Lebanese pound has lost 10 per cent of its international value since Thursday.

Muslim leaders have vowed allegiance to the existing caretaker cabinet of acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss.

Both Hoss and Aoun claim their respective cabinets to be the only legitimate authority and stress they want to provide the right climate for a smooth presidential election.

Syria has rejected Aoun's cabinet and backed Hoss but has shown no sign of intervening directly.

In an attempt to break the deadlock, U.S. Ambassador John McCarthy, escorted by a 30-man posse of heavily armed bodyguards, met Sbfite militia leader Nabih Berri and other Muslim leaders in west Beirut Wednesday.

## Tabouk governor: Saudi views identical to those of Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday received at the Al Nadwa Palace Prince Fahd Ibn Sultan Abdul Aziz, governor of the Saudi Arabian province of Tabouk, who conveyed to the King greetings from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

Prince Fahd, who is on a visit to Jordan, also conveyed to King Hussein Saudi Arabia's views on various Arab issues and said the Saudi views were identical to those of Jordan.

The King hosted a lunch in honour of Prince Fahd. It was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shakar, the King's private chamberlain, Interior Minister Rajal Dajani, Public Security Director-General Abdul Hadi



His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday receives Tabouk Governor Prince Fahd Ibn Sultan Abdul Aziz at Al Nadwa Palace (Petra photo)

## King, Iraqi leader exchange views on main Arab issues

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday called Iraqi President Saddam Hussein by telephone and exchanged with him views on the main issues in the Arab World. The two leaders also discussed means of unifying Arab ranks and bolstering solidarity among Arab countries.

## Rifai outlines efforts to support agriculture, pledges continued aid

By Lima Nabil  
Special to the Jordan Times

agricultural situation in the Kingdom and pledged continued government help to the farmers.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan attended the morning and evening session of the seminar Wednesday, the second and last day of the gathering.

Rifai told the gathering that the government was aware of the difficult problems encountered by farmers and was to the process of enacting new legislation aimed

at unifying the agricultural credit agencies and organising loans to farmers.

The government is inclined to unify the various farmers associations and is studying means of reducing production cost for the farmers, and might exempt them from up to 50 per cent of interest on their loans provided they commit themselves to pay their dues on schedule, the prime minister said.

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# International motor show opens to wide acclaim

By Nermeen Murad  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Amman International Motor Show, the first of its kind in the Middle East, opened Wednesday with a spectacular show of an exquisite array of collector antique and valuable cars, most impressive of which are ten of His Majesty King Hussein's own collection. His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Al Hussein deputised for His Majesty at the opening.

King Hussein is internationally recognised for his expertise in engines and his passion for collecting unique cars. Jamil Ishaqat, public relations manager of Alam Assayarat, told the Jordan Times that King Hussein "is the most internationally recognised person for his passion of cars and has up to date knowledge of all engines in the world, including those of aeroplanes."

Ishaqat said the idea behind the car show was originally conceived to "help highlight Jordan's economic and civilised image in the region."

He said Amman has been drawing interest over the past ten years through the many regional

conferences and summits which were held here. "Amman is also treated as a central base of regional offices for specialised agencies of the world such as the United Nations (U.N.) and Arab League."

He added Amman is "internationally linked with the name of King Hussein," and therefore it was decided that such an effort (i.e. the annual car show) would "translate this good reputation."

Ishaqat pointed to the economic importance of the Kingdom as a centre for trade in the Arab World, especially the Aqaba sea port; he added that fairs and shows also highlight the civilised aspect of any country.

According to Ishaqat, the cost of this year's car show, which covers an area of 7,000 square metres, has reached JD 400,000. Plans for the coming year include erecting another show hall which would cover an extra area of 500 square metres.

"We have already received many offers from many international companies who expressed their interest in participating in next year's show," Ishaqat said. He compared the Amman International Motor Show to the world

renowned Essen International Show, held in Germany, which in its first year only had the participation of seven companies.

Forty different car companies, including 13 spare parts companies, will participate in the Amman International Motor Show. "This is a clear indication of the high regard and the success of Amman's reputation and an indication of people's trust in our ability to world," Ishaqat said.

Ishaqat predicted that a large number of Gulf residents would visit the show this year.

The idea of the motor show was originally conceived by the Jordanian Alam Assayarat magazine and was implemented through the combined efforts of the magazine and a German company, Zeeva, which organises the Essen motor show.

At the opening ceremony, Muhammad Ayad, manager of the motor show, delivered a speech in which he praised King Hussein for his support for the show and thanked Prince Abdullah for honouring the opening ceremony.

A representative from Zeeva praised the efforts of King Hussein in developing the Kingdom.

## Queen opens archaeological exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Wednesday opened the Tell Abu Hamid archaeological exhibition at the Department of Antiquities registration centre. The Queen toured the exhibition and was briefed by Jordanian and French research team on archaeological sites in Jordan.

The opening ceremony of the two-week exhibition was attended by Culture and National Heritage Minister Muhammad Hamzaoui, Yarmouk University President Dr. Muhammad Hamdan, and the French ambassador in Amman.

## NHF to organise exhibition of children's drawings

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) will organise an exhibition of children's drawings at the NHF centre in Aqaba on Oct. 8, as part of its contribution to the country's celebrations of Arab Child Day, which opens in Jordan on Monday under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

Following the opening of the exhibition, a series of lectures by health specialists will be launched at Aqaba schools.

## Rifai pledges continued aid to agriculture

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But he said, farmers with small land holdings ought to try to set up joint forces and set up agricultural firms to promote production.

Referring to farming problems Rifai noted that some of them, like weather conditions, were beyond the government's control but the farmers had the government can control agricultural cropping patterns and organise production.

The government continues to offer incentives to investors in agriculture like tax exemptions, subsidised water and free advice

in farming matters, he pointed out.

The government cannot offer capital to farmers but it can offer credit through the Agricultural Credit Corporation and farmers have to work and to benefit from incentives and exemptions and loans in promoting production, Rifai added.

The prime minister said the agricultural sector in Jordan produced 350,000 tonnes of crops last year at the rate of 2,800 tonnes a day, of which 1,400 tonnes were exported on a daily basis.

The government provided more than JD 40 million to support the agricultural sector in Jordan and an additional JD 4 million for opening agricultural roads, the prime minister noted.

## 'Jordanian-Saudi views identical'

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Majali and the King's advisor on tribal affairs.

Earlier in the day, Sharif Zaid held talks with Prince Fahd on bilateral military cooperation in a meeting attended by Dajani and Chief

of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb.

King meets Forray

King Hussein received at the Royal Court Wednesday visiting French Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Gilbert Forray. The meeting was attended by Abu Taleb.

## Khasawneh to visit Cairo

AMMAN (J.T.) — Information Minister Hani Khasawneh will pay an official visit to Cairo on Oct. 5, to discuss with his Egyptian counterpart promoting bilateral cooperation in information fields, according to Al Dus-tour Arabic daily. The paper said that Khasawneh's discussions will cover the linkage of Aqaba with Sinai through a microwave sys-

tem, Jordanian-Egyptian cooperation in television programmes and radio programmes directed to other countries.

The minister will attend the formal opening of the Egyptian opera during his visit. Senior officials from Jordan Radio and Television Corporation will accompany the minister on the visit to Egypt.

## Hamzeh, U.N. officials discuss recommendations

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Recommendations issued by a seminar on safe motherhood which was concluded in Amman this week were reviewed here Wednesday by Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and two senior U.N. officials whose departments are involved in population health services.

The three-day regional meeting aimed at upgrading the status of women by providing proper health services and education to mothers.

The two officials were Mr. Ali Atiqah, U.N. Development Programme (UNDP) representative in Jordan, and Mr. Rushdi Huneidi, administrative director of the U.N. Fund for Population

Activities (UNFPA), for Europe and the Arab World.

The two U.N. officials discussed UNFPA's contributions to plan, execute and follow up regional and national studies in mother and child health care, to help identify maternal mortality problems and help prepare educational programmes that would promote awareness among mothers.

The minister discussed with the two U.N. officials the question of setting up a regional committee to follow up the implementation of the seminar's resolutions and to contact Arab health ministries to provide them with copies of the seminar's recommendations.

## JEA, Arab states discuss linking national grids

AMMAN (Petra) — A team of senior engineers and officials from the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) has taken part in meetings to study the question of linking the national grids of Arab countries in Asia, and signed an agreement on a feasibility study of the project.

A JEA spokesman said the meeting, organised by the Kuwait based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development was attended by Arab countries to be involved in the project and signed the \$1 million feasibility study.

The study which will take 30 months to be completed will be carried out by the Kuwait Scientific Research Institute in cooperation with the King Fahd Petroleum and Minerals University in Saudi Arabia, the JEA spokesman said.

The study, he said, will define transformer stations and other infrastructure work required for the project, the production of low cost electric power, in addition to defining the sources of funds for financing the project.

## Crown Prince praises Jordan's archaeologists

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has paid tribute to efforts by Jordanian archaeologists involved in the restoration of Jordanian ancient sites.

The Crown Prince voiced his appreciation in messages he sent to teams working for the University of Jordan's Department of Archaeology, Yarmouk University's Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology and the Department of Antiquities.

Department Director Adnan Hadidi sent a reply cable to Prince Hassan expressing the archaeologists' deep gratitude for this encouragement, pledging to exert double efforts in their fields.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME:** The Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation (AHSP) will launch a children's programme as of Saturday Oct. 1, 1988, as part of Jordan's celebration of Arab Child Day. The programme includes children's book and paintings exhibition, a seminar, a display of children's games and a competition programme for children. The activities will be held throughout October at the AHSP's cultural centre.

**HIGH WINDS AT RWEISHED:** The Public Security Department Wednesday reported high winds and thick dust in the eastern regions of the Kingdom around Rweished and Maqat. It warned drivers to take extra care while travelling in the two areas (Petra).

**FLOWER EXHIBITION:** An exhibition was opened in Amman Wednesday by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, displaying artificial flowers, paintings and Koranic verses. Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat opened the exhibition which was attended by senior ministry officials (Petra).

**TARAWNEH IN PAKISTAN:** Civil Defence Department (CDD) Director Khaled Tarawneh left for Pakistan Wednesday to participate in the International Society of Social Defence meetings due to open on Oct. 1. The society's general assembly will discuss matters related to operations organised to provide rescue and relief victims of natural disasters.

**PEOPLE'S ARMY:** Five batches of People's Army recruits were turned out at the Ramtha district Wednesday following training programmes in the use of light arms and first aid operations. The participants were all employees in government departments and municipalities (Petra).

**MAFRAQ CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** Week-long cultural activities opened at Mafraq city Wednesday to help stimulate the cultural movement in the Mafraq Governorate. The activities include book exhibitions, a charity bazaar, and a number of lectures (Petra).

**SCIENTIFIC DAY:** A scientific day will be organised at the Animal Health Institute in Amman Monday under the patronage of Dr. Saleem Lawzi, Ministry of Agriculture's secretary general. Participants will discuss matters related to animal health and means of combating infection among domestic animals (Petra).

**YOUTH CAMP:** A four-day youth camp for scouts participating in activities to win the Prince Hassan Award opened at Princess Rahmah Community Centre in Allan Wednesday. The 100 participants from the Amman and Balqa Governorates will be given lectures and will carry out voluntary services (Petra).

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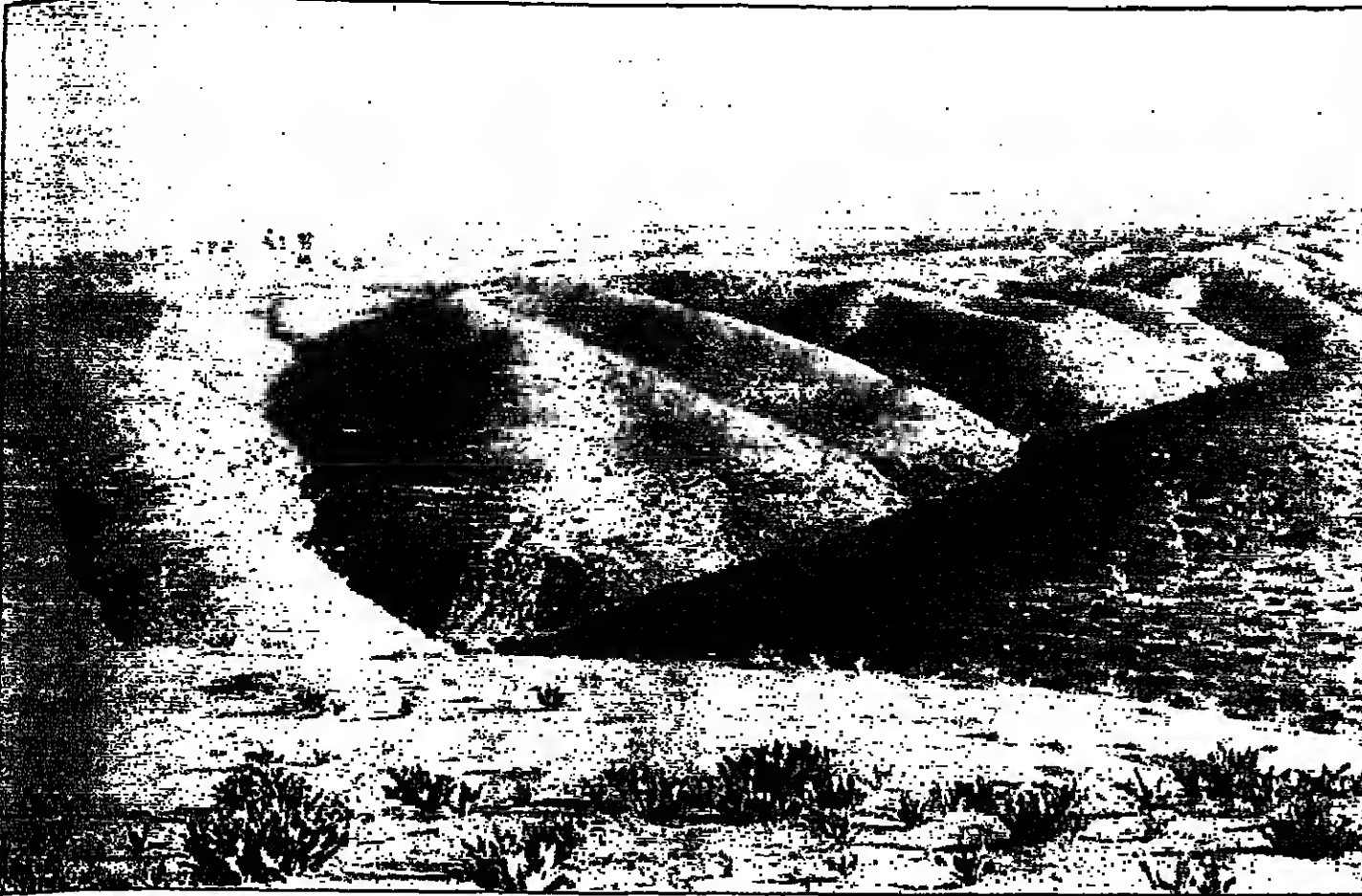
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A general view of the excavation site at Tell Abu Hamid

## Tell Abu Hamid exhibition reaches out to adults and children alike

By Rami G. Khouri  
Special to the Jordan Times

THE EXHIBITION of the Tell Abu Hamid archaeological excavation which opened at the Department of Antiquities registration centre Wednesday is noteworthy for two reasons: It is at once a splendid overview of the life, economy, environment, technology and culture of a small farming and herding community which existed in the central Jordan Valley in the 4th Millennium BC, and it is also a rare and impressive example of how Jordanian and foreign archaeologists can make the effort to reach out to children, and to introduce them to the fruits and the fun of archaeological research.

Tell Abu Hamid is relatively typical of the hundreds of other such ancient sites known in Jordan from cultural and chronological periods spanning the past 15,000 years. Like so much in our archaeological record, it is a site that offers us both verifiable facts and enduring mysteries.

Excavations at the site have been conducted since 1986 by a joint team from the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at Yarmouk University and the French Archaeological Institute in the Near East (IFANP), with the cooperation of the Jordanian Department of Antiquities, and under the joint direction of Dr. Genevieve Dollfus (CNRS) and Dr. Zeidan Kafafai (Yarmouk University).

The work has uncovered the stone-built houses and other cultural remains of a village which existed on the site for perhaps 100-200 years, around the period 3800-3600 B.C. This is known by archaeologists as the Chalcolithic ("copper-stone") period, and it marks a key stage in the human march from the first settled agricultural/livestocking

villages of the Neolithic period (8500-4500 B.C.) to the first walled towns of the Early Bronze Age (around 3300-2000 B.C.). Tell Abu Hamid's ancient inhabitants herded domesticated animals, hunted some wild species, and cultivated cereals. They exploited the varied natural resource base around their village in the central valley — halfway between Lake Tiberias and the Dead Sea — and were able to store the excess grains they produced every year. They made enormous clay storage jars, one of which measures 1.6 metres high and over a metre in diameter (and which can be seen at the new museum which opens later this year at the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at Yarmouk University).

The inhabitants of the village were able to work copper, bone, flint, basalt and limestone, wood, shells and other raw materials available in the area or imported from other parts of the Middle East. Like people of all times, they manifested their spiritual and cultic beliefs in symbols, such as small animal and human clay figurines. And suddenly, only a few generations after the village was founded, it was abandoned, for reasons which the archaeologists still have not fully determined.

The Tell Abu Hamid exhibition is very well presented in a clear and logical manner, and provides a most opportune introduction to archaeology for people who may wonder what actually happens at such archaeological excavations around the country. A very well produced black and white catalogue is for sale; like the panels and children's materials in the exhibition, the catalogue is in both French and Arabic — though people who do not know either of these languages can also enjoy the exhibition, due to its clear and logical presentation and the high quality of drawings and illustrations.

As you walk into the registration centre's circular hall, a series of panels puts the site into its physical and cultural context, describing the ancient environment, the movement of people in and out of the valley, and the natural vegetation before, during and after the Chalcolithic period. Other panels describe the discovery of the site in a 1975 survey of the valley, the history of the dig, and the techniques used by the excavators. These are followed by a set of panels outlining the chronology of the area from 9000-3000 BC, and depicting the village as it may have been in the Chalcolithic period. The excavations are shown with the cultural objects which were found on the site, such as pots, hearths, stone tools or crafts implements.

The ancient technologies are depicted, including hand coiled and wheel-made pottery, stone tool-making, building techniques, and the manufacture of basalt and limestone bowls and other items. Particularly interesting are two reconstructed stone tools — an axe and an adze — with the flint stones tied to wooden shafts with pieces of leather. If you've always wondered what the ancients did with those stone tools of theirs, here's your chance to find out.

Further panels show stone bowls and other kitchen objects, the sources of raw materials from throughout the area, various fire-making structures such as hearths and ovens, how surplus agricultural production was stored on site, domestic life and the use of everyday clay and stone vessels, how the 1.6-metre-tall jar was excavated and restored, the ancient economy and the introduction of new species of plants by people who came to the valley from the north, the hunting of animals, and evidence of spiritualism in the form of small figurines.

Several showcases include objects excavated at Tell Abu Hamid, including clay pots, basalt grinding stones, human and animal figurines, shell, bone and metal objects, and a very impressive clay hull which may have been a vase of some sort. To put it all in its proper perspective (ostensibly for children, though very educational for adults as well) is a long wall chart which traces the time span from one million years ago until today — indicating, in a most graphic manner, that our Chalcolithic ancestors at Tell Abu Hamid are really very close to us, if measured by the full sweep of human history.



Domestic structure unearthed at the excavation site

For the children

The exhibition is particularly noteworthy for its very successful attempt to make the world of archaeology accessible to children. It does this in several ways. There are interactive games for the children, including a giant jigsaw puzzle of the 1.6-metre-tall jar which children can put together; animal panels that fall over if the animal depicted does not exist at the Chalcolithic settlement; and superimposed spinning wheels by which children can match up pictures and actual samples of several raw materials from the ancient site, such as basalt, shell, flint and bone.

Within the main hall is a series of very fine colour drawings by the Canadian artist Louise Desrochers, with Arabic and French panels describing the story of a small boy who visits the modern excavation, and that night dreams that he has travelled back to the Chalcolithic settlement. As he walks through its environment, geology, climate, building techniques, tool-making, grain-harvesting, pastoralism and transhumance, ceramics, stone-drilling and copper-smelting. He wakes up from his dream with the realisation that archaeologists and modern development planners can work very happily together, though he decides that he wants to become a spaceman...

The children's component of the exhibition is one that should be emulated in the future by other archaeologists who may plan to display the fruits of their research, given the obvious need to educate new generations of Jordanians about the importance of our antiquities, which are often subjected to indiscriminate damage by children and adults who clearly do not relate to these monuments. One idea being considered by the dig directors is to publish the children's materials in a small booklet, which would be made available to a wider audience of Jordanian and foreign children.

The exhibition has been organised by the French Cultural Centre in Amman, the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology of Yarmouk University and the Department of Antiquities. It will remain on show in Amman until Oct. 13, and then will be on display for over a month at the new museum at Yarmouk University, starting on Nov. 14.

## Prince Hassan inspects Amman projects

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday visited the Amman Governor's office and inspected the operations room and was briefed on the work of its public information office, which provides consultation and advice to citizens.

Prince Hassan also inspected statistical lists of development projects in the Amman Governorate and projects already carried out within the 1986-1990 five-year plan.

These projects covered education, health, social development, electricity, water, agriculture, telecommunications, tourism, archaeology and housing.

Prince Hassan was met and accompanied on his inspection visit by Interior Minister Rajai Dajani, Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin and a number of Interior Ministry officials.

## Royal Stables to hold Open Day today

AMMAN (J.T.) — An Open Day will be held at the Royal Stables Thursday.

There will be an exhibition of the horses in the stables at 4 p.m., during which riders, wearing traditional bedouin costumes, will take the horses through their paces, demonstrating the thoroughbred qualities of the horses and their own skills.

Afterwards, the public will be given a tour of the boxes, and shown the everyday workings of the stables.

All the members of the public are welcome to attend from 4 p.m. onwards. The Royal Stables are located at Hummar, just north of Sweileh.

## Health minister opens medical conference

## Hamzeh: Medicine should be Arabised by 1998

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will strive hard to ensure proper medical services and health for all citizens by the year 2,000, and to meet the largest set by the World Health Organisation in this respect, the health minister said Wednesday.

To help achieve that, the Health Ministry has set up nearly 600 primary health care centres, increased the number of qualified medical staff and introduced other basic measures like providing sufficient medicine and issuing medical treatment cards for citizens in all regions, Hamzeh said.

He was speaking at the opening of the sixth Jordanian Medical Conference, and the first Arab Union of Dermatologists meeting held at Al Hussein Youth City.

The minister, who deputised for His Majesty King Hussein in inaugurating the three-day series of meetings, said that the Health Ministry in Jordan has opened the way for its doctors and other medical staff to acquire advanced training and facilitated their participation in conferences, lectures and seminars to help promote health services.

"The ministry also seeks to rationalise spending on health services through controlling medicine dispensing, and through medical cards which list specific centres where patients can get treatment," Hamzeh noted.

Referring to the newly established National Medical Institution (NMI), the minister said that it was set up to avoid duplication in health services, to reduce spending and unify government hospital services under one umbrella.

Hamzeh said that the Health Ministry was now involved in developing a centre for cancer patients at the Al Bashir hospital in Amman at the cost of JD 1.5 million, and is in the process of building a JD 20 million hospital for the Jordan University of Science and Technology in Irbid.

Hamzeh noted that the Arab Health Ministers Council has underlined the importance of Arabising medical education in the Arab World and called for a

The conference's Executive Committee Chairman Dr. Abdullah Bashir said in a speech to the conference that general health conditions in the occupied Arab territories, unemployment among Arab doctors and the future of medical teaching in the Arab World will be among the subjects to be discussed.

The acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is among the main topics for discussion by dermatologists according to Dr. Mamdouh Al Qutob, the union's secretary general.

The first session heard a lecture by Dr. Ghassan Musallam, from the Social Security Corporation in Jordan, dealing with medical economics in which he outlined expenditure on medicine and health.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

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### EXHIBITIONS

- Art exhibition: "Contemporary Arab Artists," at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- Art exhibition by Omar Al Basoul, at the Housing Bank Complex.
- "The Individual, Sport and Olympic Games" Book Exhibit, at the American Centre.
- Book exhibition, at the Professional Association Complex.
- Book exhibition, at Al Walaja Cooperative Society, Jabal Nuzha.
- Folklore exhibition, at the Al Manarah Social Development Society, Al Manarah.
- Photo exhibition entitled "Tourist Tours" to mark the World Tourism Day, at the Soviet Cultural Centre.
- An exhibition of paintings by Mohammad Shamseddine, at the Petra Bank Gallery.
- Islamic book exhibition and charity bazaar, at the Islamic Cultural Centre, University of Jordan.
- An exhibition of antiquities of Tell Abu Hamid agricultural settlement in the Jordan Valley, at the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre - 6:00 p.m.
- Amman First International Automobile Exhibition, organised by the Automobile World Exhibition, four kilometres away from the Seventh Circle.

### FILM

- Polish film, "Va Bank" (Thriller), subtitled in Arabic, at the Royal Cultural Centre — 8:00 p.m.
- A feature film entitled "Witness" (video), at the American Centre - 7:00 p.m.
- A film for graduates of Soviet colleges and universities, at the Soviet Cultural Centre — 5:30 p.m.

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### Rabin's new role

ISRAELI Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has stated clearly that Israeli soldiers are deliberately shooting and wounding more Palestinians in order to crush the ten-month-old uprising in the West Bank and Gaza. He told a news conference earlier this week that the Palestinians would eventually learn that they would pay a heavy price in casualties if the uprising continued.

Whatever his merits as a soldier or politician, Mr. Rabin is obviously not a very good historian, or user of mirrors. For he only has to look into the mirror of his own people's history to recognise that what he says is clearly against the lessons of both human nature and political history.

Violence perpetrated against a distinct group of people — whether Palestinians in the 1980s or Jews in the 1930s — does not result in the acquiescence of the target population. Rather, it prods the victims to struggle harder for a new political order which can assure them their individual and national rights.

We can understand why Mr. Rabin would seem to forget the lessons of history, for he is now in the role of the oppressor, rather than the oppressed. It is a new role for him, which he fulfills with a peculiar combination of militaristic zeal and intellectual stupor.

He should look back to the treatment of Jews in medieval or 19th Century Europe, when the Jewish reaction to overt discrimination and physical threats was to heighten the sense of Jewish identity, and finally to prod the emergence of the movement of modern political Zionism. The result was the state of Israel.

And now that this state of Israel is the one doing the beating and the oppressing, why should the Palestinians react any differently to the way the Jews did many years ago? The shootings will only intensify the drive for a Palestinian state and international support for such a goal.

Mr. Rabin may choose to ignore this fact. But one day he will have to face its consequences, as he should recognise from the history of his own people.



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### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

TWO Jordanian dailies Wednesday commented on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's address to the opening session of a seminar on political regimes in the Arab World. In its editorial Al Ra'i supports the Prince's idea of establishing a network for communication among intellectuals in the Arab World based on pluralism, and says that it is the only means of conveying Arab views to the international forum. "By adopting pluralism we show that we respect the views of others, and through understanding and cooperation we can confront the external challenges," the paper said. "The Arab World is now facing the danger of division and regional introversion as well as the problem of catching up with progress achieved by advanced nations," the paper added. It said that the idea of such network can help Arab countries carry out joint action in the face of these challenges. "Prince Hassan has warned Arab states against passive attitudes and introversion which he described as dangerous phenomena leading one country to be involved in internal issues and disregarding the common interest of the nation," the paper pointed out.

For its part, Al Dustour daily describes the Prince's proposal as a serious and constructive attempt to deal with the hot issues of the Arab World. It agrees that common challenges should be confronted by a united Arab stand, but it underlines the importance of planned action in the face of hostile ideas directed against the Arabs through information media "aiming to perpetuate the situation of divisions and consecrate a trend towards disintegration and loss." Prince Hassan did not conceal his bitterness and his deep concern over the attitude of some countries which are inclined towards introversion, causing setbacks to joint Arab action, said the paper. It said that through constructive pluralism Arab states can respond to modern developments and enter the 21st century with greater confidence.

Sawt Al Shaah daily described Prince Hassan's address to the development councils seminar as significant because, it said, it diagnosed the conditions of these councils and underlined the importance of the private sector's involvement in development schemes. Prince Hassan specifically advocated decentralisation which can help reduce the cost of development projects, the paper noted. This is a new concept in the process of development which Jordan has been pursuing under the guidance of His Majesty King Hussein and in cooperation with the local councils, it added. The meeting, the paper pointed out, should be considered as part of the on-going dialogue to diagnose the council's conditions and to propose effective measures to arrive at the best results.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

#### Development by all for all

Al Dustour political editor wrote a column in Wednesday's edition, expressing the view that the building of society should not be the exclusive responsibility of one person or department, but rather that of a collective participation involving public and private organisations and individuals. The writer backs the views of Prince Hassan on the role that women should play in society development, and says "it is illogical to see half of the society lying idle if the nation is to achieve progress and development." The writer refers to Prince Hassan's Tuesday address to a seminar on the work of development councils and says "the Jordanian society does not suffer from real unemployment, but rather from a behavioural one; and unemployed university graduates ought to take up proper training to help them get decent jobs that benefit their community."

## A timely warning

By Dr. Asa'd Abdul Rahman

DURING wars of national liberation nothing is more important than infusing the combatants with continuous doses of hope in order to boost their morale and to reassure them of the inevitable victory. The above prelude is as dangerous as it is correct, because the content of the word "victory" is both relative and loose. When conclusive victory is both remote and elusive, thinly-veiled defeats are often portrayed as decisive victories. On the other hand, false promises of easy victories can cause total frustrations among the combatants and the nation at large. Timing is just as important. Infusing the nation with illusions of approaching victory might give the populace badly needed but extremely dangerous doses of hope and enthusiasm. Disillusionment is likely to prevail when victory proves to be not as easy or as impending as first thought. A delicate balance should therefore be maintained and clear demarcation lines be drawn between two equally detrimental views. As excessive hope often leads to frustration, overexaggeration of obstacles and difficulties often leads to despair and bemusement.

Any political observer can detect increasing indication of illusions that have recently permeated Arab and Palestinian politics. If left unchecked, this trend might lead to over optimism and hence jeopardise Arab struggle. Expressions of the sort "the necessity to capitalise on the political gains of the intifada," or "the time is ripe for the declaration of a Palestinian government-in-exile," although true are often misinterpreted and

carry deceptive connotations. If taken at face value and literally, such expressions might breed illusions and cause distortions. Without putting such correct expression in their proper context a negative feedback may be the inevitable outcome. Once more, timing is crucially important here, and it goes without saying that adopting ill-timed policies might tactically help the enemy and give results contrary to what was intended.

In order to benefit most from such dictums they should be used in their proper contexts, both in time and place. No observer denies the fact that we should capitalise on the gains of the intifada and the Palestinian struggle as a whole because no struggle is worth the effort and blood spilled for if it lacks a clear political vision or viable aims. In doing so, however, we should not be inadvertently tempted to espouse dictums that sound innocent in appearance but are inimical to substance. In the name of political realism, we should not be pressured to accept what ever meagre concessions are offered us now and relinquish what ever remains of our rights, to be redeemed by future generations. Too much or ill-timed political "realism" could be as disastrous as military defeats. One should not completely rule out the possibility of benefiting from political realism but that should be done in a highly calculated, conscious and revolutionary manner. Otherwise, "realism" could demoralise present generations and kill the aspirations of future ones.

Timing is just as important an element. When too much is at

stake, impatience could squander decades of sacrifices and trivialise the long-term aims of any national movement. It should be unmistakably clear, however, that the declaration of a government-in-exile or a "provisional government" does not actually mean its ultimate success. A long distance separates between the declaration of a Palestinian entity and the actual emergence of such an entity. The declaration itself is just a step towards the long-term aims and all possible safeguards and guarantees should be employed in order to ensure that such a step is not taken at the wrong time and in the wrong direction. The debate over the question of a Palestinian government-in-exile is seemingly interminable and has been dragging on for such a relatively long time. This, however, is a healthy sign. For such a step is both delicate and extremely sensitive and its would-be proclamation is likely to cause both favourable and hostile reverberations. It could either escalate and intensify the struggle against Israel or, on the other hand, it might lead to unnecessary and even dangerous relaxation of Arab and Palestinian attitudes that would ultimately encourage the Israeli maximalists to carry on with their satanic designs. In brief, and notwithstanding the soundness of ideas such as "the need to capitalise politically on the gains of the intifada" one should go about doing that in a patient and calculated manner. Applying "political brakes" has in many cases guaranteed one's safety against the catastrophic outcome of any hasty and very long leaps.

### 'No Mideast settlement if Israel continues to deny Palestinian rights'

The following are excerpts from a report to the Australian Parliament made by an Australian parliamentary delegation that visited the Middle East in June 1988.

IN RELATION to a just and lasting settlement of the Middle East question, the delegation believes that such a settlement should be based on two fundamental points: The first is Israel's right to exist within secure and internationally recognised borders. The second is the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and, if they so choose, independence, including the possibility of their own independent state. The delegation's overriding impression is that while there is a sincere desire for peace in the region, agreement cannot, unfortunately, be reached on the process by which

peace can be achieved. The delegation is firmly of the view that such an obstacle should not be allowed to stand in the way of a peaceful solution to the tragedy besetting the Middle East. In relation to the format that a peace conference should take, the delegation believes that an international conference under United Nations auspices will have sufficient authority to bring about a just and lasting peace settlement.

Prime Minister Shamir of Israel rejected outright the concept of an international conference and informed the delegation that Israel was ready to resume negotiations on the future of the occu-

pled territories under the framework of the Camp David Accords. In discussions with Arah leaders the delegation found only Egypt prepared to support the peace initiative proposed by Mr. Shultz, the United States secretary of state. However, Egypt, like all the Arab countries, sees Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) participation in any peace conference as essential. In Syria and Jordan there is little enthusiasm for the Shultz initiative, but both supported an international conference under United Nations auspices. Since the delegation's visit, announcements by King Hussein indicate that Jordan no longer regards the Shultz plan as viable.

The delegation believes that the Middle East problem will not be solved while Israel continues

to deny the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including self-determination. It is unfortunate that Israel is now denying the Palestinian people the same rights for which the Jewish people fought so long and hard. The delegation fully appreciates the reluctance of Israel — having fought four wars since 1948 — to place faith in peace agreements which may be negotiated with the Arab states and the PLO. However, the delegation believes that the Arab states and the PLO are now, albeit reluctantly, prepared to accept the reality of Israel's existence. The delegation believes that both Israel and the PLO should take a major step towards peace by a simultaneous recognition of each other. The delegation is concerned about human rights violations in the occu-

pled territories and believes that these will inevitably continue while the legitimate rights of Palestinians, including the right to their own independent state if they so choose, are denied.

The result of the forthcoming Israeli general election will be vital as it will determine the structure of policies of Israel. It appeared to the delegation that the formation of the national unity government, with equal cabinet numbers from each political bloc, had led to a complete paralysis in relation to the Palestinian issue, as both Likud and Labour disagree on a number of issues, including the boundaries of Israel. Whilst the delegation was impressed with the vitality of Israeli democracy, it nevertheless wonders how long democratic ideals can be maintained while

Israel governs, by force the Palestinians of the occupied territories.

Following its visit to the Middle East, the delegation is pessimistic regarding the prospects for peace. The efforts of Mr. Shultz seem to have run into a dead end and Mr. Shamir shows no apparent flexibility on the subject of an international conference. In the meantime, it seems certain that the disturbances and the attendant loss of life will continue in the occupied territories, and that the Gulf between Israelis and Palestinians will continue to widen. The delegation believes that the Australian government should use every available means and opportunity at its disposal to encourage the parties to the conflict to seek an end to the Middle East dispute.

## Strengths that characterise the intifada's unified command

By Daoud Kuttab

WHEN the Palestinian intifada broke out last December, Israeli Defence Minister Rabin was in the United States. Rabin refused to cut short his trip to deal with the uprising. When he did return, he told journalists that it would be crushed within a few days. Similar statements were attributed to many senior Israeli officials. Even observers and journalists questioned whether Palestinians could continue their protests for more than a few weeks at best. Today, over eight months later, there is no sign that the intifada is slowing down and in fact Israeli military and intelligence leaders are warning the Israeli public that it could in fact go on for a long time. What is the key to the stamina and longevity of the uprising?

An analytical look at the characteristics of the Unified National Command of the uprising — the PLO's underground leadership in the occupied territories — can provide a major clue to the will of the 1.5m Palestinians to continue along this difficult road. Although secretive and underground, the attributes of the Unified Command have won the respect and admiration of the general Palestinian public. The qualities reflected in the decisions of the command are so attractive that they have become the rule by which the various sectors of society follow willingly. The following are among the chief attributes of this leadership.

#### Grassroots nature

Unlike most past Palestinian leaderships whose authority has gone from the top to the bottom, Palestinians feel that the Unified Command is a leadership from the people. The pulse of the people can be felt in every decision and every leaflet issued. The command has responded to the aspirations and pains of the Palestinian population in a very sensitive way. Its policy to give authority and power to local committees, its willingness to hear and often change or even reverse its own decisions shows how close to the grassroots the leadership is. Differing geographic and social needs are responded to in a way indicating that the command is in close touch with the people. This quality has allowed all Palestinians to respond to the directives of the Unified Command as if they were their own decisions. The command is seen as a crucible for the population's ideas rather than a leadership trying to impose its own predetermined ones.

#### Realism

Because the Unified Command is close to people's aspirations, it is careful not to overburden its grassroots base. The underground leadership has gone out of its way on a number of occasions to call

on people not to overdo a particular protest activity. When shops in East Jerusalem were shut for more than 40 days at the start of the intifada, a leaflet issued by the leadership insisted that they should open, albeit for only three hours a day. The leaflet indicated that the shutting of the stores hurts the Palestinian economy, forces Palestinians to shop in West Jerusalem and limits the community's ability to withstand a long protest. When the schools were closed by the Israelis for months, leaflets called

on students, teachers and administrators to go to school and force the Israelis to rescind the closure order.

The Unified Command has resisted attempts to escalate the uprising at a pace faster than the population could bear. They rejected suggestions of moving into full civil disobedience because they knew the population was not ready. And contrary to what is believed in the West, the command never called on Palestinians to stop working in Israel altogether. Nor has there been a

call for a total boycott of Israeli products. Leaflets called on workers in Israeli settlements (a small minority of workers) to stop working there and workers in Israel were only asked to strike on specific days, usually one day a week.

#### Humility

The underground leadership has shown that it has not sought personal or party glory. While the Unified Command linked its name with the PLO, no particular faction of the PLO took any

credit for particular actions. Unlike many of the guerrilla operations over the past 21 years, when a particular Palestinian faction (sometimes two or three) would take credit, there has been no such attempt to take personal or party acknowledgement or honour for the intifada. Palestinians didn't have to worry that their support might be used for the private success of certain political opportunists, and all feel that they are in this together. Either all fail or all succeed. It is clear that no sector of society will be

allowed to gloat at another's expense.

At a time when Palestinians were seeing disunity in the Arab World and to a certain extent between some Palestinian factions, people were struck by the unity of the Unified Command. Having been angered by the horrors of intra-Palestinian fighting in Lebanon and the squabbling over the Amman Accord, the question of unity was a decisive issue to many — Middle East International, London.

## ICRC deplores Israel's killing of Palestinian prisoners

GENEVA (J.T.) — As the uprising in the territories occupied by Israel entered its ninth month in August, the ICRC reacted to new Israeli violations of the Fourth Geneva Convention and the serious humanitarian consequences they entail, according to ICRC September Bulletin.

The institution publicly deplored the tragic deaths of two administrative detainees who were shot by Israeli forces at Qaziot military detention centre on Aug. 16. Some 2,500 people from the occupied territories are currently held at the Qaziot detention centre, situated in the Negev desert, where they live

under tents in harsh climatic conditions.

ICRC delegates carrying out a routine weekly visit in the camp at the time of the incident were forced to cut the visit short as the first direct clashes broke out between detainees and guards. They immediately approached the Israeli authorities.

In a public statement, the ICRC appealed to the Israeli authorities to take appropriate measures to improve the conditions in the centre and render the situation compatible with the rules of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

The ICRC has reminded the

Israeli authorities on several occasions that the detention and internment of people from the occupied territories on Israeli soil is prohibited by the Fourth Geneva Convention.

The ICRC also protested in August against the expulsion to Lebanon by the Israeli authorities of a total of 12 Palestinians and the issuing of expulsion orders to an additional 25. The Fourth Geneva Convention clearly stipulates that individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory, are forbidden, regardless of their motive, the

bulletin said.

The ICRC offices in Ksara, Lebanon provided the deportees with blankets and family parcels, and gave them the opportunity of writing Red Cross messages to be distributed to their families.

A total of 32 residents of the occupied territories have been expelled to Lebanon by the Israeli since the beginning of the year, without counting the 25 expulsion orders issued recently.

Over 260 people have died and hundreds have been injured in the occupied territories over the last eight months. ICRC delegates have continued to provide

protection and assistance to the increasing numbers of victims.

ICRC delegates regularly visit over 5,400 people detained in military detention centres as a result of the uprising. Medical support is provided to hospitals and local Red Crescent branches by ICRC medical personnel, who also visit the wounded admitted to medical facilities. In addition ICRC delegates are present in the camps and villages of the occupied territories and provide material assistance to families whose houses have been destroyed or who have been left without their major breadwinner.

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## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### Rashad Shawah dies of heart attack

GAZA (R) — Rashad A-Shawah, Palestinian mayor of Gaza for 11 years until deposed by Israel in 1982, died at home Tuesday of a heart attack, his family said. He was 79. Shawah was involved in Arab politics for 40 years. He was regarded by Israelis and Palestinians as the senior "father figure" in the Gaza Strip, home to 650,000 Palestinians living under Israeli rule. But his role was diminished in the territories by the growing popular support to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and a younger, more revolutionary Palestinian generation regarded him as out of touch. Shawah, appointed mayor by Israel in 1971, was deposed in 1982 for failing to cooperate with Israeli rule. His local influence remained strong largely because of his chairmanship of the Gaza Benevolent Society that dispensed Jordanian funds.

### French and Egyptian presidents meet

PARIS (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt said Tuesday that any new evolution in the Arab-Israeli conflict must come from the parties directly concerned. Mubarak, who met with President Francois Mitterrand for more than two hours, added in a brief talk with reporters afterward that the French were contributing to the search for a solution. Regarding the situation in Lebanon, where the parliament has been unable to elect a new president to replace Amin Gemayel, Mubarak said: "The Lebanese must elect their president. We must allow them to choose freely. We will not support the partition of Lebanon, which would be a national Arab catastrophe."

### Iran offers Brazil more oil for economic help

BRASILIA (R) — Iran is prepared to boost oil exports to Brazil in return for help in rebuilding the Iranian economy after the Gulf war with Iraq, Brazilian foreign ministry officials said Tuesday. In a speech Monday night, Iranian Industry Minister Ghulamreza Shafiei said Iran wanted to boost the value of trade between the two countries to \$1.5 billion from \$550 million a year now, the officials said.

### Italian Gulf force to reduce escort duties

ROME (R) — Italy's naval force in the Gulf is to reduce direct escort duties, limiting itself to keeping a radar and radio check on merchant ships, the Italian defence ministry said Tuesday. The force — two frigates, a support vessel and two minesweepers — has been escorting every Italian ship through the Gulf since an Iranian speedboat attack on an Italian tanker last September.

### Witness says Hamadi didn't shoot hostage

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Testimony resumes Wednesday after a witness in the trial of confessed TWA hijacker Mohammad Ali Hamadi said she did not believe Hamadi killed a U.S. hostage during the 1985 ordeal in Beirut. Hazel Hesp, a flight attendant on TWA flight 847 when it was commandeered, also testified Tuesday that another hijacker boasted that one of his friends had carried out the devastating 1983 bomb attack that killed 241 U.S. servicemen in Beirut. Asked by chief judge Heiner Mueckenberger if she had an opinion on who killed U.S. navy diver Robert Stethem during the hijacking, Ms. Hesp said: "Yes. But I did not see the shot, so it is only my opinion. It would be my opinion that it would be said who shot," she said.

### 'Gulf ceasefire under control'

LIJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia (R) — The Yugoslav commander of the U.N. observer force in the Gulf, General Slavko Jovic, was quoted as saying Tuesday that the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq is under control. Jovic, commander of the U.N. Iran-Iraq Military

Observer Group (UNIIMOG), said in an interview with the Slovenian newspaper Delo that there had been sporadic incidents since the ceasefire took effect last month.

### Iran says parts of Gulf cleared of mines

NICOSIA (R) — Iran said Tuesday it had cleared all mines from Iranian waters at the head of the Gulf as well as from some international shipping lanes. The Iranian news agency IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted navy commander Mohammad Hussein Malekzadeh as saying all ships could now navigate safely in the areas cleared by Iranian minesweepers. Malekzadeh said three Iranian warships docked at the ports of Imam Khomeini and Mahshahr at the head of the Gulf Tuesday.

### Rabin stone walls on S. African generals

BEIT EL, Occupied West Bank (R) — Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin brushed aside questions Tuesday about a reported secret visit by a group of South African generals to the Israeli-occupied West Bank last week. A member of Britain's parliament said in Amman Saturday he had been told while visiting Israel that South African military advisers were helping the Israeli army to combat Palestinian demonstrations in the occupied territories. Israeli military censors made deletions from this report. Rabin said Israel received military delegations from many countries.

### Locust swarms arrive in northern Senegal

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Locusts moving south from Mauritania have infested parts of northern Senegal, devastating fields of rice, sorghum and millet, the office for vegetable protection said Tuesday. On Monday, swarms of locusts invaded the coastal regions of Saint Louis and Louga in northwestern Senegal, the officials said. Trucks equipped to spray the locusts were en route to the region, but the office for vegetable protection said aerial spraying would be needed to ensure that the locust invasion is controlled in this west African nation.

### Israeli parties blame each other over Taba

TEL AVIV (R) — The two main parties in Israel's coalition government blamed each other Tuesday for Egypt's reported victory in a six-year border dispute. The right-wing Likud Bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the Labour Party of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres seized on the Taba border issue in an apparent effort to sway voters five weeks ahead of Israel's general election. Israeli radio reported earlier Tuesday that a five-member international arbitration panel in Geneva had ruled in favour of Egypt in the dispute over the sovereignty of Taba, a 700-metre beach and resort at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba. The reported decision was to be officially announced Thursday.

### Britain, Iran to hold talks at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said Tuesday he is meeting with Iran's foreign minister Thursday with the intention of restoring diplomatic relations between the two nations. "Certainly we are seeking normal relations," Howe told a group of reporters at a breakfast meeting.

### U.S. approves trade sanctions against Iraq

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday approved by an overwhelming vote a bill to impose trade sanctions against Iraq for alleged use of poison gas against Kurdish rebels, which Iraq categorically has denied. The Senate approved a much stronger bill Sept. 9 and differences between the two bills would have to be reconciled before a final version could be sent to the White House for signature into law.

# Soviet Union suspends troop withdrawal from Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The withdrawal of more than 100,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan has been suspended because of alleged violations of the Geneva accords, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Tuesday.

"We have completed the first stage of our withdrawal," he said during an impromptu news conference in the halls of the United Nations during the afternoon.

"We have not yet begun the second stage of withdrawal. Let's wait and see, and I raised several questions in my speech today. It is necessary to stop the violations that take place. It is the most important thing," he said.

Shevardnadze said the other signers of the Afghan accords — Pakistan and Afghanistan — should be invited to the proposed Security Council meeting.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said at a news conference in New York that the Security Council could meet on the question Friday, but that the U.S. government does not recognise the legitimacy of the Soviet-backed Afghan government, so it would not be invited to attend.

He called on the Afghan government to cease its violations of Pakistan's air space with war plane overflights and air raids on rebel camps.

"Their list could totally refute the assertion heard here yesterday that that bloodshed has diminished in the region," he said, referring to President Ronald Reagan's address Monday. "On the contrary, terror has been mounting sharply and it is increasingly directed against civilians."

The Soviet Union has filed numerous complaints to the United Nations alleging that Pakistan is allowing Islamic guerrillas to continue launching raids into Afghanistan from bases in Pakistan.

Under the Geneva accords, signed April 14, Afghanistan and Pakistan agreed not to interfere in each others' internal affairs.

Pakistan has said it is not aiding the guerrillas and has done its best to prevent cross-border raids.

The accords specify that withdrawal of over 100,000 Soviet troops that had been posted in Afghanistan since 1978 was to begin last May 15 and be complete by Feb. 15, 1989.

### Pakistan counter charges

On Tuesday, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan counter-charged that Afghanistan has violated the accords by air raids and acts of terrorism since April 14.

He told the General Assembly the Afghan air force has launched 387 air and ground violations of Pakistani territory, causing 40 deaths and 114 injuries.

He also accused Afghanistan of sponsoring terrorism, saying Afghan agents perpetrated 259 attacks just in 1987, which killed 264 people and wounding 1,069.

Since the agreement came into effect, he said there have almost

Shultz said Tuesday afternoon that he was agreeable to the five permanent Security Council members meeting to discuss the issue Friday.

Shultz, however, vetoed Shevardnadze's suggestion that the signatories to the pact, Afghanistan and Pakistan, be invited to join the Security Council discussion.

"As far as meeting with the signatories is concerned, as I said in representing the United States in Geneva at the time of the signature, we don't recognise the regime that constitutes itself in Kabul right now as the legitimate government of Afghanistan. So, of course, we wouldn't be ready to go to a meeting otherwise."

### Gorbachev's appeal

In Moscow Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev called Tuesday on the United States and Pakistan to "come to their senses" and stop arming rebels fighting the government of Afghanistan.

Gorbachev spoke at a luncheon for visiting Laotian leader Kaysone Phomvihane about the Geneva accords on an Afghan settlement signed in April. He said the Islamabad government was trying to install leaders in Afghanistan to its liking, regardless of the desires of the Afghan public.

### Abandoning the Communists?

In Islamabad, Western diplomats said Tuesday they believe the Soviets may soon abandon Afghanistan's present Communist rulers for a neutral or military government.

The diplomats, speaking in Islamabad on condition of anonymity, said it might be Moscow's last attempt to forge a political settlement of the 10-year civil war before the Red Army begins the final phase of its withdrawal, possibly in mid-November.

# Rocket attack on Kabul kills 35

MOSCOW (R) — Thirty-five people were killed and more than 150 injured when a rocket landed in a central square in Kabul Wednesday during a rebel missile attack on the Afghan capital, the Soviet news agency TASS reported. "In the course of one hour, 21 surface-to-surface missiles were fired at Kabul. One of them, exploding in a central square close to the bus station, took the lives of 35 people and injured 156 peaceful citizens," TASS said.

been 70 more terrorist attacks, killing 74 people and injuring 55.

Yaqub Khan said that the U.N. good offices mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan had found no evidence that Pakistan had violated the Geneva accords.


Pakistan shelters about 3 million of the 5 million Afghan refugees, he said.

### Israel, China discuss Mideast

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The foreign ministers of China and Israel, who have no diplomatic relations, conferred for more than an hour Tuesday, an Israeli spokesman said. The meeting, at China's U.N. mission, between Israel's Shimon Peres and China's Qian Qichen was the second such contact between the two countries. Peres conferred last September with Qian's predecessor, Wu Xueqian, when both were attending a General Assembly session.

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# Jordanian dinar slips against dollar

AMMAN (R) — The Jordanian dinar slipped against the dollar Wednesday, trading almost eight per cent below the price set by the central bank, apparently due to a shortage of foreign currencies in local markets.

Dealers and moneychangers said the dollar was fetching up to 410 fils at times, compared to the officially quoted buy rate of 380.

Tuesday, the U.S. currency was selling for 408.5 fils in the informal market, which usually stays within five per cent of the posted rate that banks must abide by.

"Demand on the dollar is outstripping supply due to foreign currency shortages," said Ghazi Al Saudi, an exchange firm owner.

Jordan's foreign exchange reserves hit a record low of \$18.7 million in June, recovering to \$36.8 million in July, according to International Monetary Fund figures.

# Jordan awards Chinese company road contract

AMMAN (R) — Jordan awarded China's Construction Engineering Company (CEEC) a \$19 million contract to build one fourth of a 280-kilometre highway in the country's eastern part, an embassy official said Wednesday.

The state-run CCEC was given 720 days to complete the 70-kilometre road, the first stage of a four-phase highway project, the Jordanian news agency Petra reported.

The completed highway will link the Jordanian-Iraqi border in the country's northeast with the city of Azraq, 110 kilometres east of Amman.

Petra said the World Bank and the Jordanian treasury would finance the construction by CCEC. The remaining three stretches would be financed from a \$300 million loan from Japan, Petra added.

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# China to import more potash from Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan has signed an agreement for the export of 150,000 tonnes of potash to China, bringing the total exports to China to 350,000 tonnes a year, Al Ra'i reported Wednesday.

It said that the agreement was signed during a visit to the Arab Potash Company (APC) by an official Chinese delegation during which they met with the APC's Director General Ali Nsour.

Nsour briefed the Chinese delegation on the company's achievements since its establishment. The delegation also visited the plant site in Ghor Al Safi and the export terminal in Aqaba.

The APC and the Chinese import company enjoy good relations as China is the second largest importer of Jordanian potash after India.

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# Africans want better flow of funds

WEST BERLIN (R) — African countries said Wednesday that current methods of dealing with the global debt crisis were inadequate.

Botswana Vice-President Peter Mmusi, speaking on behalf of African nations, welcomed measures agreed last weekend by the world's richest countries to help distressed sub-Saharan African debtors.

But he also told delegates to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank annual meeting:

"There is no doubt that given the magnitude of the debt crisis in our continent, they are far below our immediate requirements, which calls seriously into question the adequacy of the existing debt strategy."

Mmusi argued that the burden of economic adjustment fell too heavily on developing nations and he called on the industrial world to do more.

Policy coordination should not just be limited to exchange rate accords, but should be genuine attempts to produce adequate growth and provide for an adequate flow of resources from developed to developing countries.

Growth of about three per cent in industrial countries meant a continuing difficult economic situation for developing countries, he added.

Mmusi criticised industrial nations for not sticking to pledges to liberalise trade.

Africa's external debt had more than doubled to about \$220 billion since 1980, Mmusi said.

**AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET**

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for September 28, 1988.

Regular market:	Number	Volume	Contracts
Petra Bank	38324	JD 76648	1
Dar Al Shaab Press, Publishing and Distribution	85800	JD 58262	79
Arab Bank Limited	480	JD 52025	10
Parallel market:	522	JD 438	—
Development bonds:	241	JD 2422	—
Treasury bills & bonds:	—	—	—

**LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.6845/55	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2190/2200	Canadian dollar
	1.8785/95	Deutsche marks
	2.1175/85	Dutch guilders
	1.5923/33	Swiss francs
	39.35/38	Belgian francs
	6.3950/4000	French francs
	1400/1401	Italian lire
	134.15/25	Japanese yen
	6.4430/80	Swedish crowns
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One ounce of gold	397.00/397.40	U.S. dollars

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Dutch guilder	176.90	Syrian lira (for JD 1)	96.00	98.00
French franc	63.80	Lebanese lira (for 10)	900.00	950.00
Italian lira (for 100)	26.90	Iraqi dinar	272.50	285.00
Japanese yen (for 100)	274.70	Kuwaiti dinar	1412.00	1427.00
Swedish crown	58.30	Egyptian pound (new)	163.70	172.50
Swiss franc	254.70	Omani rial	111.90	114.50
U.K. sterling pound	685.20	1/AE dirham	110.70	112.50
U.S. dollar	409.30	Omani rial	1058.70	1071.30
Deutsche mark	217.00	Bahraini dinar	1078.70	1088.70

**WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

SYDNEY — The share market closed barely steady in dull trading unaffected by the higher-than-expected August current account deficit of 1.39 billion dollars. The All Ordinaries index closed just 0.5 points up at 1,545.4.

TOKYO — Prices closed sharply higher in brisk trading amid optimism at the start of big brokers' new fiscal year. The Nikkei index rose 252.45 points, 0.92 per cent, to 27,752.01.

HONG KONG — Shares drifted lower in sluggish trade. The Hang Seng index ended 16.52 points lower at 2,449.75.

SINGAPORE — Shares rebounded across the board on light buying support and scattered bargain hunting after recent falls, but trade was quiet. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 8.02 points to 1,030.30.

**BOMBAY — Market closed due to strike action.**

FRANKFURT — Shares eased across the board in quiet business, unsettled by renewed worries over possible interest rate rises in the United States brought on by a fall in U.S. bond prices. The 30-share DAX index stood 6.28 points lower at 1,342.05.

PARIS — Shares were slightly higher, with attention focused on construction group Bouygues amid talk the Bouygues family was buying its own shares to pre-empt a bid. The 50-share bourse indicator was 0.33 per cent up.

ZURICH — Shares closed barely steady on low turnover in the wake of the weaker trend on Wall Street. Investors were generally cautious. The All Share Swiss index closed 2.9 points lower at 906.2.

LONDON — Shares were steady in quieter late business, trading just below the earlier highs of the day after a weak start. At 1447 the FTSE 100 share index was 7.4 points up at 1,815.4.

NEW YORK — Stocks edged higher in slow trading. The Dow was up four at 2,086 and declining issues narrowly outnumbered gainers.

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# Burmese army tries to stop fleeing masses

**KLE DAY, Burma (Agencies) — Soldiers are sealing off urban areas to prevent students and Buddhist monks from fleeing to border region to carry on the fight for democracy, arrivals at this frontier rebel camp said Wednesday.**

"There are tens of thousands of students and monks who want to leave the cities but cannot," said Ko Ko, a 35-year-old teacher from Rangoon, who arrived Tuesday at Kile Day, a camp of about 500 ethnic Karen rebel soldiers next to the Thai border.

General Saw Maung, who came to power in a Sept. 18 coup, ended weeks of widespread and increasingly violent pro-democracy demonstrations by ordering troops to fire on protesters last week.

The official death toll since the coup is estimated at 350, but Western diplomats believe more have died.

Many anti-government student leaders have gone underground to escape the brutal suppression, fleeing military-controlled cities to wild, frontier areas ruled by ethnic rebels, who have long been fighting the central authorities.

But, Ko Ko said, "the army is blocking routes. We came here because the army is killing students." He said troops were manning roadblocks in the Mangladon district of Rangoon and Kyaukse district of Pegu, about 65 kilometres northeast of the capital.

Students have been forced to take detours and travel at night to avoid the checkpoints, said Ko Ko, who has been writing underground anti-government pamphlets under a pen name since 1975.

About 270 students have straggled into Kile Day, and Ko Ko quoted them as saying they plan to take up arms to fight the military clique that has ruled Burma for 26 years and crippled the country's economy through isolationist economic policies.

"We cannot fight with simple weapons," said Ko Ko, pointing to handmade catapults, sharpened bicycle spokes known as "jingle," and swords. He said students reaching the frontier, who have formed an All Burma Students Democratic Front, will try to get arms from other countries.

Min Ko Naing, one of the top student leaders in Rangoon, left the capital the day after the coup and plans to join his compatriots at the border region, Ko Ko said.

The Karen army's vice chief of staff, Major-General Tamala Baw, said he received instruc-

tions from Karen leader Mo Bya that 200 students were to leave Kile Day for Ghay Baw Bo to receive military training with another 400 students already there.

## New party

A second, pro-democracy party, composed of followers of one-time Prime Minister Nu, has emerged to rival the powerful, military-backed government.

Radio Rangoon said Tuesday that the Democracy Party had been formed with freedom fighter Bohmu Aung as its patron and Thu Wai as chairman. The party is a splinter group from the League for Peace and Democracy, formed last month by ex-Prime Minister Nu but now virtually moribund.

Bohmu Aung was a member of Burma's "thirty comrades" who fought for independence from Great Britain during World War II. Thu Wai served as an aide to Nu when the ousted prime minister led an unsuccessful guerrilla movement against strongman Ne Win from bases along the Thai-Burmese border in the early 1970s.

Widely believed to be potentially more powerful is the League for Democracy, which Tuesday named retired General Aung Gyi as its chairman and immediately called for an interim government to prepare for free elections.

# Glory turns to dust for Johnson

**SEOUL (Agencies) — Sponsors of disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson pulled down posters and cancelled contracts around the world as the millionaire's glory turned to dust.**

From Tokyo to Treviso, firms abandoned the man who became the hottest property in sport last Saturday with his world record win in the Olympic 100 metres.

Three days later, he fled Seoul in disgrace after being found to have taken muscle-building drugs. The dope test that destroyed his athletics career could cost him up to \$10 million.

Among the sponsors who cancelled advertising and appearance contracts with Johnson included the Italian firm Diadora, Japan's Kyodo Oil Company, the automakers Mazda of Japan, the Johnson & Johnson Company of the U.S., and a Finnish advertising firm which used the athlete to advertise milk. Business circles said many more contracts with Johnson were expected to be cancelled soon.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation, the world governing body for athletics, banned Johnson from international competition for two years.

Sports officials in Johnson's hometown of Toronto were worried that the fall from grace of the muscle-packed sprinter might threaten the Canadian city's chances of hosting the 1996 Olympic Games.

The runner's picture is prominently displayed in publicity booklets that promote the city's bid. They will probably be getting new covers now, Toronto officials said.

At 26, Johnson was basking in the glow of the world's admiration, awaiting delivery of a custom-made \$250,000 Ferrari sports car and returning to a newly built \$1 million home in Toronto.

Sports Illustrated magazine reported Wednesday that Johnson received injections of anabolic steroids in late May from a doctor on the Caribbean island nation of St. Kitt's.

The magazine identified the physician as Jamie Astaphan, from whom Johnson had sought treatment for a hamstring pull suffered 10 days earlier.

After he accompanied the expelled Olympic sprinter from Seoul to Toronto, on Tuesday, Astaphan told reporters gathered at the airport that "to my knowledge and to his knowledge, no, he has not taken anything."



Canada's Ben Johnson peers from behind a suitcase carried by an aide inside the waiting lounge at Kimpoo International Airport Tuesday as he waits to depart on a flight from Seoul.

"I never gave him any" steroids, Astaphan said. "He never told me he took any."

In London the company which makes the doping-testing equipment used at the Seoul Olympics ruled out Tuesday the possibility that samples taken from Johnson could have been mishandled. "There is no room for error, and the combination of the technology, the methodology and the massively tight security ensures no error is made," said Malcolm McMillan, U.K. communications manager of American giant Hewlett-Packard.

# S. Korean hardliners battle police

**SEOUL (AP) — Radical students, demanding the release of a jailed leader, battled police with firebombs and clubs Wednesday and threatened to disrupt Olympic events.**

About 200 students attacked police in a brief clash at Korea University after a rally to demand the release of Oh Young-Shik, a top radical leader charged Tuesday with violating national security laws.

Students pelted riot troopers with scores of firebombs, and some attacked with wooden clubs. Troopers fended off the blows with shields, but some officers were hit by firebombs and their clothes set on fire.

"Why are the Olympics being staged when democratic figures are behind bars?" students chanted. "Release imprisoned students."

Police in green combat fatigues and black visored helmets made several charges to push protesters back and hurled a few tear gas grenades.

The fighting was confined to the street in front of the school's main gate and ended when a shop hit by firebombs caught fire. Students offered police hoses to fight the fire until firetrucks arrived.

Korea University is in north-eastern Seoul about 24 kilometres from the Olympic park where the games, which end Sunday, are being held.

Student leaders said they would resume violent protests to secure Oh's release. Leaders said they had planned to refrain from violence during the Olympics, but would now retaliate for the arrest.

Oh was arrested Sept. 22. Authorities say he organised major anti-government demonstrations during the summer.

Radical leaders have threatened to disrupt Olympic events, including the men's marathon Sunday, if Oh was not released.

Park Seh-Jik, head of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee, told reporters Wednesday that authorities were ready to deal with any threat from the radicals.

A huge banner with a picture of Oh was suspended on the wall of the student union building inside the campus.

Radical students protesting against the government of President Roh Tae-Woo have mounted anti-Olympic protests to demand the games be shared with communist North Korea.

# Column 10000

## Olympic song tops one million sales

**SEOUL (R) — Sales of the song "Hand in Hand," the official Olympic theme for the Seoul games, have topped one million worldwide, games organisers said Wednesday. The song, performed by the group Koreana, is ranked number one in the hit parades of Switzerland, Hong Kong and South Korea. It is also climbing in the charts in Denmark, West Germany, Portugal and Japan, they said.**

## Beady eye to cut down on traffic

**AMSTERDAM (R) — Big brother could soon be keeping a beady electronic eye on road-users in the Netherlands, as the government tries to cut down traffic jams. The Transport Ministry is developing electronic fingerprinting systems aimed at keeping private cars off roads at peak times and leaving the nation's arteries clear for freight transport, the ministry's director general, Co Van Dijkhoorn, said Tuesday. One method, the "smart card," contains an electronic profile of its owner and a sum of credit, the minister told a transport conference. Each time the card passes a road checkpoint a pre-set sum of money is deducted. When the credit reaches zero the user will get a gentle reminder, followed by prosecution if credit is not topped up.**

## Blushing Diana draws whistles

**LIVERPOOL (AP) — Princess Diana blushed Tuesday when workmen cheered and whistled as she toured a Ford car factory in northwest England. But she laughed off her saucy reception when she met the small contingent of women machinists among the factory's 9,700 workers. "I have never stopped blushing all morning because of those men downstairs," she told them. "They have really given me a hard time."**

# Expert says Turin shroud a fake

**ROME (R) — The Catholic church's top expert on the shroud of Turin, which many Christians have revered as Christ's burial cloth, said Tuesday he now believed news reports that it was a mediaeval fake.**

Professor Luigi Gonella, scientific adviser to Turin's cardinal, the shroud's chief custodian, said a Vatican statement on the results of carbon dating tests would be issued within the next week.

Laboratories in Britain, the United States and Switzerland were given small pieces of the shroud in April to try to determine its age through so-called carbon-14 tests.

Repeated media leaks in Britain and the United States have said laboratories found the cloth was 14th century.

"I believe the media leaks are correct. Obviously the newspapers had information which was apparently correct," Gonella told Reuters by telephone from Turin. "I am convinced Iestero, all the leaks have been saying the same thing. I am convinced that they are correct because they have been so coherent," Gonella said.

Gonella said British Museum Director Michael Tite, who coordinated results of the carbon tests, had sent the results to Turin's Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero.

He said he had not received any official information from London on the results, which have not yet arrived in Turin. Asked if he had been told of the results by telephone, Gonella

said: "That would be private." Gonella added that he expected Ballestrero would draft a statement on the results and submit it to the Vatican for approval and official distribution to the media.

The cloth, which shows the image of a bearded man who suffered the same types of wounds as those inflicted on Christ during his crucifixion, has defied scientific explanation.

There is no firm historical evidence of the shroud before the 14th century, an age when forgery of relics was rife in Europe and the Holy Land.

Former Italian King Umberto, whose Savoy family had owned the shroud since 1453, bequeathed it to Pope John Paul when he died in exile in Switzerland in 1983.

# Reagan shuns substance in Allies talks

**NEW YORK (R) — North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies expressed broad support for President Reagan's proposal for a conference to discuss new curbs on chemical weapons, a senior U.S. official said Tuesday.**

State Department Spokesman Charles Redman told reporters the boost came during an afternoon meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz.

Earlier in the day, Reagan, ending a farewell visit to the United Nations toward the end of his presidency, held a separate meeting with U.S. Allies.

But U.S. officials said he did

not use this opportunity to champion the chemical weapons proposal, unveiled during a speech Monday to the United Nations General Assembly.

Nor did the president bring up conventional arms talks in Vienna or a proposed U.S.-Soviet treaty to halve long-range nuclear weapons, Assistant Secretary of State Rozanne Ridgway told reporters after the meeting.

The substantive discussion was left to Shultz in the afternoon session with NATO foreign ministers, which according to Redman, spent considerable time assessing the status of the conventional talks.

The allies reassessed the need for a "balanced outcome" of the talks that would link conventional reductions in Europe with Warsaw Pact progress in human rights, Redman said.

They also reaffirmed a determination to complete work on a NATO conventional arms proposal so it would be ready when the East-West negotiations began, he said.

Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, following two days of talks in Washington last week, said they made some progress on clearing obstacles to conventional talks.

# WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

## Botha says he won't quit

**JOHANNESBURG (R) — South African President P.W. Botha marked 10 years as head of state Wednesday, hinting he could stay in power for many years to come. Newspapers, including Johannesburg's usually supportive Afrikaans-language Beeld, gave Botha poor marks on achievements. Some suggested it was time for him to quit. "This country has never been so beleaguered, so isolated and so uncertain," Beeld said in an editorial. Botha told Beeld in an interview that he did not plan to step down from the presidency or from the leadership of the white National Party, which has ruled South Africa since 1948. "I remind myself that the late Dr. (D.F.) Malan became prime minister in his 74th year and I am not even there yet," said Botha, who turned 72 in January.**

## Rakowski pledges reforms

**WARSAW (R) — Poland's new prime minister, Mieczyslaw Rakowski, has pledged to bring more non-communists into the government and unhesitatingly enact political and economic reforms. Rakowski, a Communist Party Politburo member, told parliament after it confirmed him Tuesday he hoped to present a coalition cabinet in two weeks. Its main job would be to win the trust of a significant sector of Polish society. Rakowski said he was not the "hero" Poland needed to lead it but he nevertheless pledged to try with "steadfastness and determination to implement the political and economic reforms without delay or hesitation." Communist leader Wojciech Jaruzelski, presenting Rakowski as a man of energy, courage and commitment to reform, said Poland was undergoing "emotional and uncertain" times and its economic troubles were causing society suffering and concern.**

## Final checks could delay shuttle

**CAPE CANAVERAL (R) — NASA managers raced against the countdown clock Wednesday to check for flaws in a satellite booster rocket that could delay Thursday's planned launch of the space shuttle Discovery. A team of experts was assigned to work through the night to check for any defects in the O-ring seals of a rocket attached to a \$100 million NASA satellite anchored in Discovery's cargo bay. The seals have been a focus of NASA scrutiny since a faulty one on a shuttle booster rocket was blamed for the explosion that destroyed the space shuttle Challenger and killed its crew of seven Jan. 28, 1986. If they find any serious flaws, NASA may decide to postpone the already long-delayed liftoff of Discovery and its five-man crew, the first manned U.S. space mission in nearly three years, officials said.**

## Alcohol woes rise in developing nations

**WASHINGTON (R) — Alcohol-related health problems are growing at a faster rate in developing countries than in industrial nations, an official of the World Health Organisation (WHO) told the U.S. Congress Tuesday. "While alcohol consumption and alcohol-related problems are beginning to level off in some developed countries in Europe, they are showing signs of increasing in a number of developing countries in Africa, the Americas and the Western Pacific," Marcus Grant told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. "Many developing countries are themselves eager to encourage the growth of domestic alcohol industries. Brewing, in particular, can seem an attractive proposition in the early phases of industrialisation," he said. "Retailing of alcoholic beverages also offers attractive investment opportunities."**

## Gorbachev, Honecker meet

**MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail Gorbachev opened talks with East**

German leader Erich Honecker Wednesday after both men toured a Moscow exhibit showing recent East German economic achievements. The TASS news agency reported. TASS said the talks between Gorbachev and Honecker, who arrived in Moscow Monday, would cover "a wide range of issues relating to bilateral fraternal cooperation," as well as international questions. It gave no further details. Earlier, the leaders toured a Moscow exhibition where the wares of 150 East German industrial combines and 38 trade enterprises are showcased.

## Floods overrun Pakistani villages

**LAHORE (AP) — Government workers dynamited the banks of eastern Pakistan's rain-swollen Ravi River before dawn Tuesday, flooding several villages and leaving thousands homeless, witnesses said. Fear that the Ravi River would overrun Pakistan's historical city of Lahore prompted the government to plant charges about 10 kilometres northeast of the city, government officials said. Although the dynamite averted disaster within the city limits, it flooded about 250 kilometres of land to the northeast. Witnesses said the early-morning blast came without warning, waking thousands of villagers who scrambled to their rooftops for safety. Rafi Shahid, deputy commissioner of Lahore, refused to comment on the lack of warning.**

## India floods kill 22

**NEW DELHI (AP) — Flooding killed 22 people in northern India Tuesday, officials said, even as water levels receded after seven straight days of rainfall ended with a full day of sunlight. Road and rail traffic remained disrupted. Extensive relief operations continued to bring succor to hundreds of thousands of marooned because of floods, officials said. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi supervised relief efforts in flood-hit areas along the Yamuna River in the capital, New Delhi, for more than five hours late Tuesday, government-owned television said.**

## Police disperse Ural town riots

**MOSCOW (R) — Soviet police fired into the air and directed hoses at 200 rampaging youths armed with iron bars and bricks in the Ural town of Neftekamsk Sunday, a newspaper reported Wednesday. Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya said the police were called to break up a fight between the youths who smashed cars and destroyed everything in their path. Several people in the crowd shouted "kill the cops." The heated brawlers hurled themselves at the uniformed police, who responded by firing warning shots into the air with their sidearms and automatics, the newspaper reported. "Eventually the situation got so serious that the police authorities had to call out fire engines which sent powerful jets of water into the crowd." The newspaper said the trouble was incited by a criminal element. Several people were detained, it added.**

## Ortega blasts Reagan as 'delinquent'

**MANAGUA (R) — President Daniel Ortega blasted President Reagan as an "international delinquent" Tuesday, saying it was unacceptable the U.S. leader was mentioned as a possible Nobel Peace Prize winner. Ortega said Reagan sought to justify international terrorism in an address to the United Nations Monday in which he reiterated support for Nicaragua's contra rebels and called on Moscow to halt arms shipments to the Sandinistas. "It is totally unacceptable for us that there is talk of President Reagan being a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize as that would be awarding (the prize) to someone who is acting like an international delinquent," Ortega said.**

# THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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COUNTRY TALK  
By Russell McWhorter

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1 Chain of islands  
5 Apply color  
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15 Soldiers' abbr.  
19 Activity  
20 Verse  
21 Houston athlete  
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23 Alaska motto  
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